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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
POWER SUPPLY CAPABLE OF
EFFECTIVELY REDUCING POWER
CONSUMPTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 0001 with the following:

This patent specification relates to a power supply method and apparatus, and more particularly to a power supply method and apparatus that effectively reduces power consumption.

Please replace paragraph 0003 with the following:

Fig. 1 shows an exemplary circuit of a background power supply apparatus using a voltage

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